

Appl. No. 10/087,188  
Response dated December 10, 2004  
Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of  
November 29, 2004

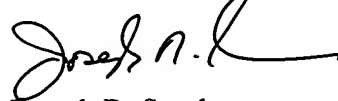
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment, Applicants submit herewith amendments to the specification by marked-up replacement paragraphs or sections. As such, Applicants believe the Amendment filed on November 5, 2004 is now in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.121.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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